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CHAPTER 137
IDOL

AKA AKASAKA x MENGO YOKOYARI

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OSHI NO KO

AN AD-LIB...!

AND THE STORY WILL CHANGE COMPLETELY!

IF YOU LET HER CARRY THROUGH, AI'S IMAGE OF BEING THE STRONGEST AND PERFECT WILL BE RUINED,

DIRECTOR...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

THIS IS WRONG.

NO!

NO...

BUT...

THE AI INSIDE ME NEVER CRIES LIKE THIS.

THIS ISN'T AI.

HER POWER OF PERSUA-SION IS—

SOME-TIMES, ACTING IS ELOQUENT,

AI HOSHINO WAS A NORMAL GIRL YOU COULD FIND ANY-WHERE.

AND RUBY'S ACTING SPOKE ELOQUENT-LY.

SHE WAS TIMID AND SENSI-TIVE.

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SHE COULD NEITHER LOVE NOR TRUST PEOPLE.

SHE REALLY WAS AN ORDINARY GIRL YOU COULD FIND ANYWHERE.

SHE GOT HURT AFTER BEING AT ODDS WITH HER FRIENDS.

A BIG LIE THAT CONCEALED HER WEAK SELF COMPLETELY.

THAT'S WHY SHE LIED.

SHE ALWAYS SMILED,

AND SHE NEVER SHOWED ANY NEGATIVE EMOTIONS.

SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL, NEAT, AND PURE.

SHE LOVED EVERYONE DEEPLY, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CHARACTER, AND WOULD NEVER BETRAY THEM.

SHE WAS LIKE A PET THAT EVERYONE LOVED.

SHE WAS TURNED INTO AN "IDOL" BY BEINGS THAT SEEMED TO CONTAIN...

...THE UGLY DESIRES OF SUCH PEOPLE.

"YOU GUYS ARE THE ONES WHO MADE MAMA INTO SUCH AN IDOL."

RUBY'S EYES SAID IT ALL.

AND EVEN HER FRIENDS.

THE ADULTS AROUND HER,

HER PAR-ENTS,

...AND GAVE UP ON UNDER-STANDING THAT IT'S JUST HOW SHE WAS.

THEY DIDN'T TREAT HER LIKE A PERSON WITH A HEART...

THEY COM-BINED AI'S TALENT, CHARACTER, AND REAL HUMAN NATURE TOGETHER.

IT WAS ALL OUR FAULT FOR NOT ACCEPTING THE EXIS-TENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED AI HOSHINO.

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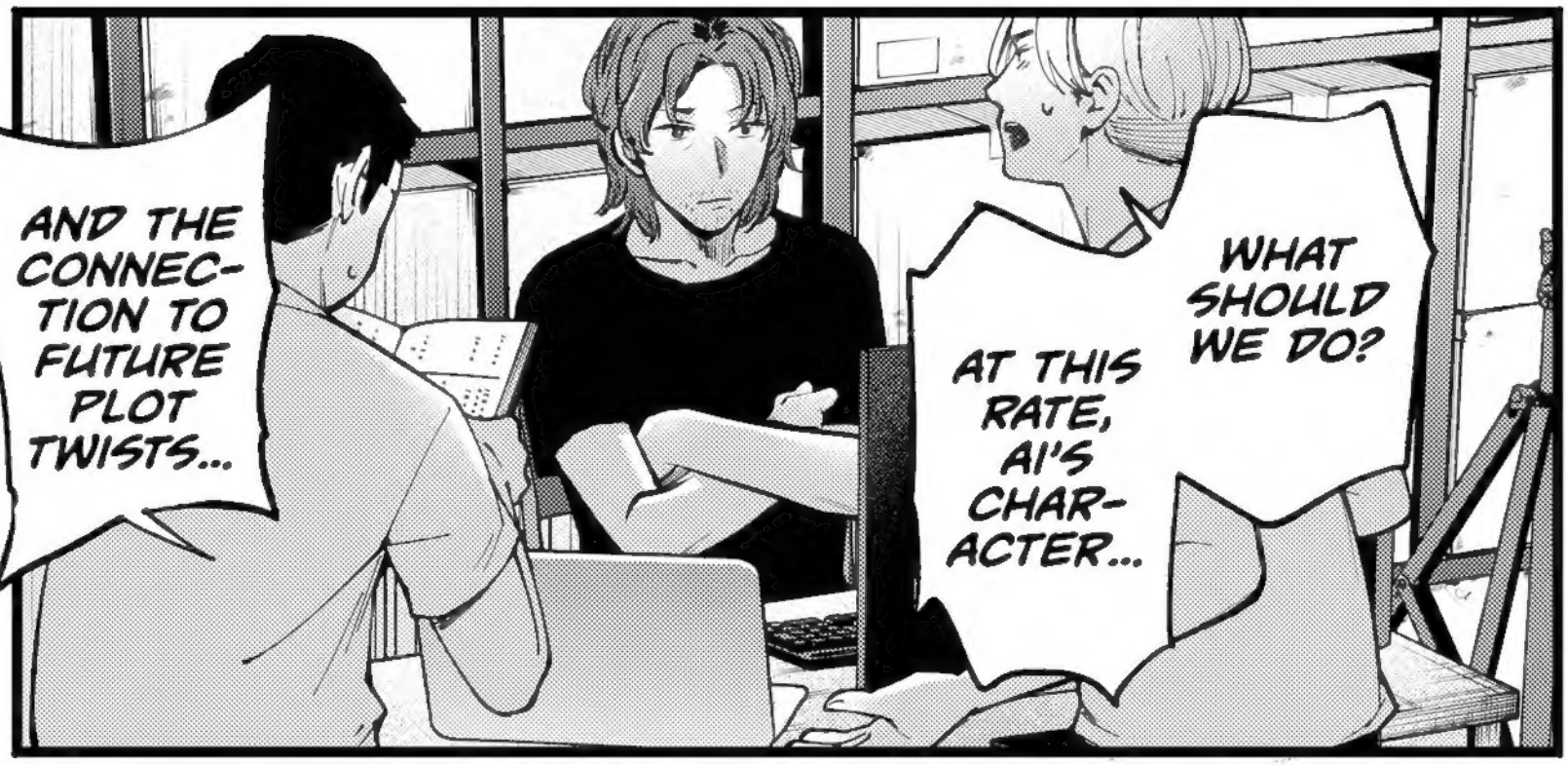
AND THE CONNEC-TION TO FUTURE PLOT TWISTS...
AT THIS RATE, AI'S CHAR-ACTER...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

...WERE AI'S HEART-BREAKING "SCREAM"...
...AND HER DAUGHTER'S PIERCING "ANGER."
WHAT WAS CONTAINED IN THE 15-SECOND AD-LIB...

IF ANYTHING, THAT SCENE HELPED US UNDERSTAND THE REASON WHY AI WAS SO STRONG.
THEY'RE ALL CON-NECTED, RIGHT?

DON'T BE ABSURD!

WE CAN JUST TWEAK THE SCRIPT LATER.

SHE STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO.

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF RUBY-KUN'S ACTING?

HEY, MANAGER ICHIGO.

...WAS PROBABLY MORE...

THE LONELINESS THAT AI WAS HIDING IN HER HEART...

THAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THIS MOVIE, AFTER ALL.

BUT IT'S GREAT THAT SHE'S NOW ABLE TO PERFORM IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS AI.

I THINK SO, TOO.

AND WHAT BROUGHT THAT OUT IN THIS SCENE WAS ARIMA-KUN'S ACTING.

BUT SHE CAN ALSO LIFT UP THE TRUE STRENGTH OF THOSE AROUND HER.

NOT ONLY DOES SHE HAVE THE ABILITY TO IMPROVE HERSELF,

SHE'S A REALLY HANDY ACTOR.

I ALSO THINK SHE HAS THE POTENTIAL, BUT SHE LACKS OPPORTUNITY.

SHE JUST NEEDS TO BE MORE POPULAR. WHEN SHE DOES, SHE'LL BE PERFECT.

OH.

I HAVE A PROPOSAL REGARDING HOW TO SELL ARIMA-KUN.

WE SHOULD SELL HER AS A GENIUS ACTOR.

MY ACTING?

HOW WAS...

THE EMO-TION WAS PLAIN...

IT FELT LIKE A REAL EMOTION.

THE FACT THAT YOU'RE NEW TO ACTING WAS A PLUS.

YEAH.

I WAS REALLY ANGRY, AFTER ALL.

THE WAY YOU BEHAVED MADE ME UNDER-STAND...

THE DEPTHS OF HUMAN PSYCHOLOGY.

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY IT'S HUMAN NATURE.

WHEN SOMETHING UNPLEASANT HAPPENS TO HUMANS,

THEY'LL FEEL *SAD* AT FIRST, BUT THEN, THEY'LL GRADUALLY FEEL *ANGRY*!

WHAT A SHALLOW UNDER-STANDING OF HUMAN NATURE...!

TRY TO NOTICE THINGS A LITTLE DEEPER.

THANKS TO THAT, I FELT LIKE I COULD UNDER-STAND MAMA'S FEELINGS A BIT MORE.

WHEN MY FRIENDS TREAT ME BADLY, I FEEL SAD...

...AND I GET ANGRY BECAUSE I WANT THEM TO UNDERSTAND.

I'VE BEEN TRYING HARD TO BE AN IDOL LIKE MAMA,

BUT IT'S WRONG.

MAMA AND I ARE DIF-FERENT.

I WANT TO ALWAYS GET ALONG WITH MY FRIENDS,

AND I WANT TO BE HONEST WITH MY OWN FEEL-INGS.

I'LL BE A STAR IN MY OWN WAY.

I WON'T BE LIKE MAMA.

I SEE.

ISN'T THAT NICE?

THAT'S WHY...

UNLIKE HER, I WON'T GIVE UP ON MY FRIENDS.

WHETHER YOU QUIT B-KOMA-CHI...

OR ANNOY ME...

...I'LL STILL FOLLOW YOU PERSIS-TENTLY,

SO GET READY.

GOOD GRIEF.

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LOOKS LIKE I WAS WORRIED FOR NOTH-ING...